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SUBJDC: TRIAL OF KIM CHI-HA

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EMBASSY HAS CHECKED WITH NUMBER OF SOURCES IN EFFORT TO
VERIFY STORY PASSED BY MISSIONARIES THAT KIM CHI-HA IS BEING
TRIED SECRETLY, WITHOUT BENEFIT OF COUNSEL. WE HAVE NOTHING
AS YET TO CONFIRM THESE STORIES. OUR BEST INFORMATION IS THAT
KIM IS STILL IN PRISON UNDER TIGHT 24 HOUR SECURITY AND THAT
THE START OF HIS PUBLIC TRIAL IS BEING DELAYED FOR A NUMBER
OF REASONS ONE PROBABLY BEING NEED FOR THE PROSECUTOR TO
DEVELOP NEW TACTICS IN LIGHT OF KIM'S REPUDIATION OF HIS
CONFESSION. JUDGE APPOINTED TO PRESIDE OVER KIM'S TRIAL IS
CURRENTLY IN JAPAN FOR MEETING OF JURISTS. CHIEF PROSECUTOR'S
OFFICE INFORMS US THAT DATE FOR TRIAL WILL BE DETERMINED
BY JUDGE.
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